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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA GROUP OF 5 MEETINGS; CONFERENCE
PROCEDURES

1. AS RESULT OF DISCUSSION AMONG THE 5, FOLLOWING APPEARS
TO BE THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PRE-CARACAS PERIOD.

1. 11 MARCH - STRAITS - LONDON - 2 DAYS (SUBJECT
TO CONFIRMATION BY HMG; IF USSR CANNOT
ATTEND, THE BRITISH SUGGEST THAT THE OTHER
4 MAY HAVE TO MEET WITH A SUBSEQUENT EFFORT
TO BRIEF AND CONSULT WITH SOVIETS.
(JEANNEL WAS NOT AVAILABLE DURING
SOVIET-PREFERRED 20-30 MARCH PERIOD.)
2. 16 APRIL - SEABEDS - WASHINGTON.
3. 17-24 APRIL-EVENSEN EXPERT MEETINGS - NEW YORK.
4. 29 APRIL - POLLUTION (GROUP OF 13) - PARIS.
5. 6-10 MAY - HEADS OF DELEGATION - LONDON (SUBJECT
TO CONFIRMATION BY HMG) - A FULL WEEK.

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6. POSSIBLE: 13-20 MAY - CONTINUATION OF EVENSEN
EXPERTS (DEPENDING UPON RESULTS OF

17-24 APRIL SESSION) - GENEVA.

7. 12-14 JUNE - AMERASINGHE CONSULTATIONS ON PROCEDURES - NEW YORK.

8. 20 JUNE - LOS CONFERENCE - CARACAS.

2. FRENCH ARE OF COURSE SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TO EVENSEN EFFORT IN WHICH THEY, ALONE AMONG GROUP OF 5, HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. SOVIET DELEGATION HINTED IT IS TAKEN ABACK BY COMPOSITION OF GROUP OF 13 WHILE BEING PLEASED AT BEING INVITED. FURTHER ON POLLUTION, JEANNEL SAID THAT IF NO OTHER PARTICIPANT PRODUCES A PAPER, FRENCH DOCUMENT TABLED LAST SUMMER IN THE SEABEDS COMMITTEE COULD BE TAKEN AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. THE 5 AGREED TO SUPPORT AMERASINGHE'S PROPOSAL FOR RENEWED, HOPEFULLY SENIOR-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS, ON CONFERENCE PROCEDURES DURING 12-14 JUNE PERIOD, THIS BEING ALONG LINES OF 5 THINKING A A CONSEQUENCE OF SUGGESTION MADE JEANNEL TO AMERASINGHE. ON PROCEDURES, JEANNEL SAID EXPERIENCE OF CURRENT WEEKS REAFFIRMS FRENCH VIEW THAT OPTIMUM ATTAINABLE PROCEDURES MIGHT INVOLVE: (I) A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMING THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT AND (II) THE RULES PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT WITHOUT ANY CHANGE WHATEVER. THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO FRANCE, JEANNEL SAID.
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